(c) and (d) No such increase has been done in MTNL Mumbai.

(e) Revision has been necessitated to offset the loss to MTNL in order to comply to the interconnectivity regime.

Internet-Telephony for domestic and long distance calls

1731. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to allow Internet-telephony for domestic local and long-distance calls in near future; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) and (b) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India has submitted its recommendations for Unified Licence which *inter alia* include Internet-telephony for domestic and long distance calls. The recommendations are under consideration and no final decision has been taken so far.

Salient features of jobs for America Act

1732. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US introduced the jobs for America Act recently;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed Act; and

(c) in what manner it would help/affect the Indian IT professionals who wish to go to USA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) Commission on America Jobs Act Bill was introduced in 109th Congress on 15th February 2005 and it was referred to the Committee on Education and the workforce.